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Friday, May 29, 2020

SNOHOMISH HEALTH DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH, COUNTY COUNCIL VOTE TO SUBMIT PHASE 2 VARIANCE REQUEST

Snohomish County leaders authorized staff to submit a Phase 2 variance request to the State Department of Health.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY MAYORS SUPPORT PHASE II VARIANCE REQUEST

Following today's vote, Mayors from 17 Snohomish County cities announced their support for the County's Phase 2 variance request submittal.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY DAILY BRIEFING

Snohomish Health District Board of Health, County Council Vote to Submit Phase 2 Variance Request

In unanimous votes, the Board of Health and the Snohomish County Council authorized to submit a Phase 2 variance request to the State Department of Health.

Draft resolution and package for variance request is available [here](#).

The Joint Information Center's news release is available [here](#).



SnoHD
@SnoHD

The Board of Health just voted to authorize submitting a Phase 2 variance request to state Department of Health. Next step is Snohomish County Council meeting at 11:30 a.m.

See draft resolution & package for the variance request here: bit.ly/2XbS5o2

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Snohomish County DEM
@SnoCo_DEM

By 5-0 vote, County Council approves [@SnoCounty](#) variance request for Phase 2 of COVID-19 response. This follows unanimous vote by [@SnoHD](#) Board of Health.

Agenda and supporting documents here: bit.ly/2XcNRfW

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Snohomish County Mayors Support Phase II Variance Request

Today, the Snohomish County Board of Health and Snohomish County Council both unanimously approved a variance request to move Snohomish County to Phase II of the Governor's phased reopening plan.

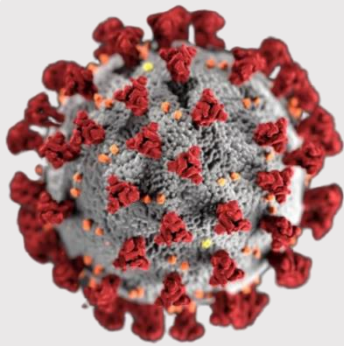
We strongly support this action and encourage the State to act quickly to approve the variance request and move Snohomish County into Phase II. Our residents and businesses have made tremendous efforts to stay safe and help slow the spread of COVID-19, but they have also sacrificed greatly. We believe we are on the right path to recovery. We are incredibly thankful for our public health officials, emergency management



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GOV. INSLEE PRESS CONFERENCE ON COVID-19

Gov. Jay Inslee held a press conference this afternoon to give an update on the state's Stay Home, Stay Healthy order. Link to the video at right.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY PROVIDES COVID-19 UPDATE

This morning, Snohomish County provided an update on the county's response to COVID-19, including public transit. The link to view the video is at right.

EDMONDS SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESSES

Details of the efforts the City of Edmonds is undertaking to support local businesses are at right.

professionals, and our local healthcare workers who have prepared our healthcare system to appropriately manage our County's positive COVID-19 cases. With our healthcare system in good shape, we believe we are ready to slowly re-open businesses and get our residents back to work.

We look forward to continuing to work with our partners throughout the County to open in a safe and thoughtful manner, setting us on a path to economic recovery.

Mayor Barbara Tolbert, City of Arlington
Mayor Bob Colinas, City of Brier
Mayor Dan Rankin, City of Darrington
Mayor Cassie Franklin, City of Everett
Mayor William Clem, City of Gold Bar
Mayor Matthew Hartman, City of Granite Falls
Mayor Norm Johnson, Town of Index
Mayor Brett Gailey, City of Lake Stevens
Mayor Nicola Smith, City of Lynnwood
Mayor Jon Nehring, City of Marysville
Mayor Pam Pruitt, City of Mill Creek
Mayor Geoffrey Thomas, City of Monroe
Mayor Jennifer Gregerson, City of Mukilteo
Mayor John Kartak, City of Snohomish
Mayor Leonard Kelley, City of Stanwood
Mayor Russell Wiita, City of Sultan
Mayor Carla Nichols, Town of Woodway

Governor Inslee Press Conference on COVID-19

This afternoon Gov. Jay Inslee held a press conference at the State Capitol to give an update on the state's Stay Home, Stay Healthy order, which is set to expire on May 31. He announced that on June 1, each county will start in their current phase and be able to apply to move between phases.

Watch the recording on [TVW](#).

Snohomish County to Provide COVID-19 Response Update

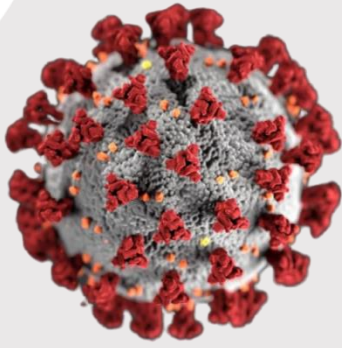
This morning, Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers was joined by Dr. Chris Spitters, the Health Officer for the Snohomish Health District, and Emmett Health, CEO, Community Transit to provide an update on the county's response to COVID-19, including public transit.

The video is available at <https://www.snohd.org/495/COVID-19-General-Information>

Edmonds Supporting Local Businesses

The City of Edmonds is supporting local businesses to help them prepare to reopen.

- The City allocated up to \$100,000 from city savings to [provide \\$1,000 grants to businesses](#) that need help pivoting to a new normal. So far more than 50 businesses, have taken advantage of this opportunity. Grants are still available so take a look. It's an opportunity to help two Edmonds businesses at the same time.
- Edmonds is connecting local business owners to suppliers so they can buy bulk quantities of hand sanitizer and other safety supplies.
- The City provided a survey to residents to learn what they expect in a retail establishment or a restaurant to feel safe. So far, more than 1,500 people have responded. [Take the survey](#) while it is still open! The information gathered from the survey will be shared with business owners.



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NEW EDMONDS SCHOOL DISTRICT GRADUATION PLANS INCLUDE DRIVE-UP VIDEO PROCESS FOR SENIORS

Edmonds School District released changes to high school graduation plans. Details at right.

DRIVE-THRU POTATO + ONION GIVEAWAY

Free potatoes and onions will be given away tomorrow beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the parking lot south of Marysville City Hall. Information at right.

CITY OF ARLINGTON MAILING FACE COVERINGS TO HOUSEHOLDS

Two face covers will be mailed to each household in Arlington city limits.

CITY OF ARLINGTON TO OFFER BUSINESS RENT RELIEF GRANT

City of Arlington, pending approval by the City Council, will offer a business rent relief grant to small businesses. Link at right.

- City staff will connect with local businesses over the next couple of weeks to help them understand how to implement the Phase 2 guidelines so they can reopen with confidence.

New Edmonds School District Graduation Plans Include Drive-Up Video Process for Seniors

The Edmonds School District has announced changes to high schools' plans regarding filming of virtual graduation ceremonies, which will now have seniors being recorded as they drive up with their families to receive their diplomas.

The scheduled release of the video graduation ceremony — on each schools' originally announced graduation date — will remain the same.

Those dates are:

- Edmonds Heights: June 5
- Scriber Lake: June 11
- Edmonds-Woodway: June 12
- Lynnwood: June 13
- Meadowdale: June 13
- Mountlake Terrace: June 13

For more information please visit the Edmonds School District's [webpage](#).

Drive-Thru Potato + Onion Giveaway, May 30 in Marysville

Community in action: [Church For The Nations](#) is giving away free potatoes and onions tomorrow starting at 9 a.m. in the parking lot south of Marysville City Hall, 1049 State Ave. Thank you to [Tulalip Tribes](#) for their generous contribution.



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**DRIVE-THRU
POTATO + ONION
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SATURDAY, MAY 30TH | MARYSVILLE CITY HALL
9AM - 1PM | WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

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Donation graciously provided by the Tulalip Tribes.
A huge thank you to the City of Marysville for allowing
us to use their parking lot for distribution.

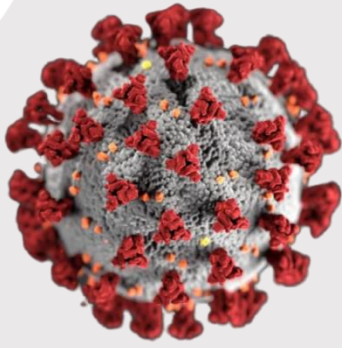
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City of Arlington Mailing Face Coverings to Households

In order to ensure that businesses stay open once they are allowed to reopen, the City of Arlington is sending two face coverings to every household in Arlington city limits.

City of Arlington to Offer Business Rent Relief Grant

The City of Arlington announces the availability of funds for Arlington small businesses through the Arlington Business Rent Relief Program. Funding is



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REMINDER: GIVE WELL LOCAL IS HERE TO HELP

Give Well Local is working to provide face coverings to anyone in Snohomish County that may need one. Details at right.

COMMUNITY LAUNDRY SERVICES OFFERED THROUGH NORTH SNOHOMISH COUNTY OUTREACH

North Snohomish County Outreach will have community laundry sites available in Smokey Point, Arlington, and Stanwood beginning next week.

SNO-ISLE LIBRARIES LAUNCHES VIRTUAL WORKER RETRAINING PROGRAM

Sno-Isle Libraries announced they are launching a new program to help out-of-work individuals gain access to in-demand jobs in Information Technology.

possible through the Federal 2020 CARES Act and distributed to Arlington through the Washington State Department of Commerce.

The grant program focuses on small businesses that are critical to supporting our community's broad-based recovery. Priority will be given to dining, retail, and service sector establishments.

The City has \$200,000 to distribute to qualifying small businesses for grants up to \$3,500 to cover one-two months' rent/lease/mortgage (up to \$3,500 per award). Grants will be awarded one time per business.

Businesses must meet the eligibility criteria: have a physical location in Arlington city limits (not including home occupancy businesses), have a current City of Arlington [business license](#) (one application per business license), have 10 or less full time employees (including owner, not including part-time employees), have been negatively impacted by COVID-19, are applying for eligible lease/rent/mortgage payments, be at least 51% majority owner in the business, and have a business recovery/sustainability plan.

Having received or applied for other assistance does not make a business ineligible for this grant.

The grant application opens on Tuesday June 2, at 9:00 a.m., pending City Council approval, and will close on June 8, at 10:00 a.m. Information can be found at: <http://arlingtonwa.gov/666/Business-Resources-COVID-19>.

City Council will vote on the grant program at the Monday, June 1 Council meeting.

For more information, please call 360-403-3448 or email slopez@arlingtonwa.gov.

Reminder: Give Well Local is Here to Help

If you or a person you know is having a hard time accessing a face covering, our friends with the Providence Institute for a Healthier Community put together an incredible network to help connect volunteer face covering-makers with people who are in need of one! In the first 22 days, they have been able to distribute 5,165 face covers all over Snohomish County through their Snohomish County Mask Brigade program.

If you want to volunteer to make, deliver, or receive a face covering [please visit Give Well Local's webpage](#).



Community Laundry Services Offered Through North Snohomish County Outreach

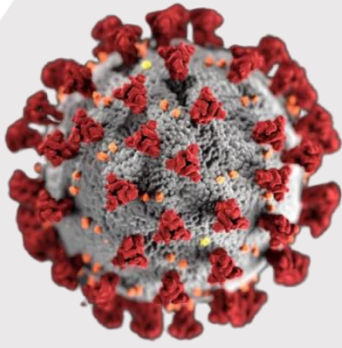
North Snohomish County Outreach will have community laundry sites available in Smokey Point, Arlington, and Stanwood beginning next week.

For more information please visit North Snohomish County Outreach's [webpage](#) or [Facebook page](#).

Sno-Isle Libraries Launches Virtual Worker Retraining Program

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VIRTUAL AEROSPACE JOB FAIR – JUNE 17 FROM 10 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

A virtual aerospace job fair will be held on June 17 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

INSLEE ISSUED PROCLAMATIONS RELATED TO LONG TERM CARE FACILITIES, FARMWORKER HEALTH, AND TRIBAL FUEL TAX REFUND

Yesterday, Gov. Jay Inslee issued proclamations related to testing within long term care facilities, additional health and safety guidelines for the agriculture industry, and the use of tribal fuel tax refund monies.

The Virtual Worker Retraining program will assist 20 individuals to achieve a CompTIA A+ certificate, an entry-level IT certification that is required for many IT help desk jobs.

Sno-Isle is currently inviting potential participants to apply to this pilot program. They will accept 20 applicants, providing each of those applicants with a study guide and, eventually, an exam voucher for the two tests required for CompTIA A+ certification. Participants will be placed in a “learning circle” led by two library staff facilitators. Sno-Isle Staff will not act as content experts or teachers, but rather facilitators, allowing for peer-led discussions around the content.

Individuals who live in Snohomish or Island County, who have some beginner IT background, are ready to study for this test, and have had their employment impacted by COVID-19 are encouraged to apply. Applicants who are underrepresented in IT will be prioritized.

Applications close on June 10, 2020. Please visit Sno-Isle Libraries [webpage](#) to apply.

Virtual Aerospace Job Fair - June 17 from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M.

Washington State's industry-driven job fair connects aerospace, commercial space, and unmanned aerial vehicle companies with 1,500+ qualified job seekers - virtually!

Last year, employers collected 100s of resumes from qualified applicants. Hiring managers reported that 75 percent of applicants were highly qualified for their open positions. Many companies reported more than one hire from the event!

Virtual booths are free for employers, please contact Erin Herringshaw at erinh@afa-wa.com if you are interested in hosting a virtual booth.

Interested in attending the job fair? [Registration](#) is coming soon!

Inslee Issued Proclamations Related to Long Term Care Facilities, Farmworker Health, and Tribal Fuel Tax Refund

Yesterday, Gov. Jay Inslee announced the state's plan to begin broad testing within long term care facilities and laid out additional health and safety guidelines for the agriculture industry. The governor also announced the release of a proclamation related to [provisions restricting tribes' use of fuel tax refunds \(20-56\)](#) to highway and transportation-related purposes.

Farmworker protections

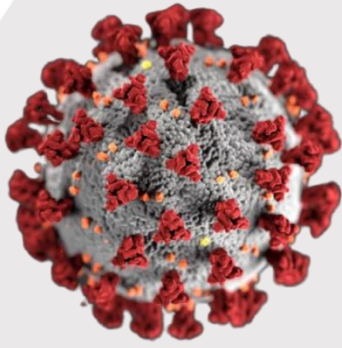
The governor issued a [proclamation](#) providing additional health and safety guidelines to protect farmworkers in the agriculture industry. These standards address worker housing, transportation and job site requirements.

Long term care testing

The state Department of Health issued an [order](#) that will require widespread testing within long term care facilities. Residents and staff in nursing homes will be tested within approximately two weeks, with a completion goal date of June 12. All residents and staff in assisted living facilities with a memory care unit will be tested within four weeks, with a completion goal date of June 26.

Tribal fuel tax refund

This [proclamation](#) waives and suspends any and all provisions in agreements between the governor of the State of Washington and an Indian Tribe or Tribes restricting the use of fuel tax refund monies to



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ESD RECOVERS \$300 MILLION FROM FRAUDSTERS

The good news that ESD has recovered \$300 million from fraudsters was released yesterday.

REBOUND AND RECOVERY TASK FORCE LAUNCHES ONLINE PPE MARKETPLACE, BUSINESS TOOL KIT

The Rebound and Recovery Task Force has launched an online PPE marketplace and business tool kits. Links at right.

highway- or transportation-related purposes. The proclamation is effective immediately, and will expire at 11:59 PM on June 27, 2020.

ESD Recovers \$300M from Fraudsters

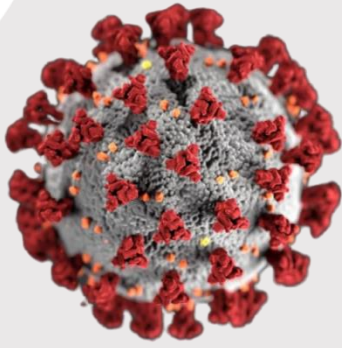


Rebound and Recovery Task Force Launches Online PPE Marketplace, Business Tool Kit

The Rebound and Recovery Task Force aims to get Washington businesses open safely and quickly. This week, the task force launched an online resource to connect businesses to [tool kits](#) with customizable guidance and materials and a Personal Protective Equipment ([PPE](#)) [marketplace](#) to help them get ready to safely welcome back employees and customers.

[Learn more](#)





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STATEWIDE FOOD ASSISTANCE UPDATE

The Washington State National Guard helped box nearly 2.8 million pounds of food and assembled more than 51,000 meals this week.

STATE PROVIDES NEW INFOGRAPHICS IN MULTIPLE LANGUAGES

Infographics on all kinds of COVID-19 related topics are available in multiple languages. Link at right.

NEW DOH BLOG: COPING WITH QUARANTINE

The Department of Health published a new blog yesterday on coping with quarantine. Link at right.

NATIONAL GUARD TITLE 32 EXTENDED

President Donald Trump announced the Title 32 extension of the National Guard through mid-August.

CDC RELEASED CONSIDERATIONS FOR WATER RECREATION, FUNERALS, AND INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

Links to the new guidance is at right.

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PASS THE PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM FLEXIBILITY ACT

The new measure making much-needed adjustments to the Paycheck Protection Program now heads to the Senate for approval.

Statewide Food Assistance Update

This week WSDA's Food Assistance program distributed 1.09 million pounds of food, enough to serve more than 170,000 clients. In addition, Washington National Guard soldiers and airmen helped box nearly 2.8 million pounds of food and assembled more than 51,000 meals. Since March, Guardsmen have boxed more than 18.4 million pounds of food and assembled 1.1 million meals.

State Provides New Infographics in Multiple Languages

The state's Joint Information Center posted new infographics in multiple languages on all kinds of topics including what kinds of face coverings to wear, poison prevention, supporting your kids and teens, and more. You can find those infographics, along with videos and other content to share with your networks on our [online Partner Toolkit](#).

New DOH Blog: Coping with Quarantine

As we gradually increase the amount of time we spend in public life, some of us may get exposed to COVID-19. If someone you know tests positive for COVID-19 and you have had close contact with that person, the health department will ask you to stay in your home for 14 days. If quarantining in your home is not possible for you, then they will help you find a safe place to stay. [Visit here for more information](#).

National Guard Title 32 Extended

President Donald Trump announced the Title 32 extension of the National Guard through mid-August.

The President's current authority provides governors continued command of their National Guard forces, while being 100% federally funded under Title 32, enabling these states to use the additional resources to meet the missions necessary in the whole-of-America COVID-19 response. Each state's National Guard is still under the authority of the Governor and is working in concert with the Department of Defense. In the days ahead, FEMA will work with the Department of Defense and the states to extend validated mission assignments to carry out the President's direction.

For more information please read FEMA's [news release](#).

CDC Released Considerations for Water Recreation, Funerals, and International Travel

More can be found here: [Public Pools, Hot Tubs, and Water Playgrounds](#), [Funeral Guidance](#), [Returning from International Travel](#).

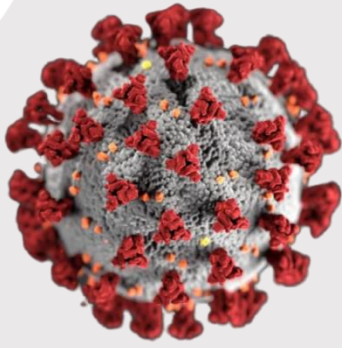
U.S. House of Representatives Pass the Paycheck Protection Program Flexibility Act

The United States House of Representatives passed legislation on May 28 to make the much-needed adjustments to the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) that were included in the Heroes Act.

The legislation extends the original deadline beyond June 30 for businesses to rehire employees and qualify for loan forgiveness. This is critical because many businesses are still not able to reopen in areas where the spread of COVID-19 infections is not yet under control.

The bill also provides additional flexibility in how the loan is spent at a time when businesses must be nimble in meeting needs in order to stay afloat and hire their workers back after it is safe to reopen.

Additionally, the bill also extends the period in which businesses must use PPP funds to qualify for loan forgiveness from eight weeks to twenty-four.



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CONFIRMED AND PROBABLE CASES OF COVID-19 IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY

Please note: The statistics are also available on the [Snohomish Health District website](#).

ESSENTIAL LINKS AND PHONE NUMBERS FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION

- [Snohomish Health District](#)
- [Snohomish County](#)
- [Snohomish County COVID-19 Response & Community Resource Hub](#)
- [Washington State](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
- Snohomish County COVID-19 Phone Line: **425-388-3944**
- Washington State COVID-19 Hotline: Call **1-800-525-0127** or text **211-211** for help. For information to be texted to you, text **Coronavirus** to **211-211**.

Moreover, it would allow loan recipients to defer payroll taxes on the loans received under this program.

The Senate will need to pass the legislation to implement the changes to the PPP.

For more information please read the [bill](#) and the House Majority Leader's [statement](#).

Confirmed and Probable Cases of COVID-19 in Snohomish County (as of May 29, 2020)

Case Count	Last Updated: 1:55 p.m.
Confirmed	2,959
Probable	383
Deceased	148

Jurisdiction	Last Updated: 1:55 p.m.
Arlington	128 (112 recovered)
Bothell*	218 (175 recovered)
Brier	19 (19 recovered)
Darrington	<5 (<5 recovered)
Edmonds	340 (284 recovered)
Everett	989 (735 recovered)
Gold Bar	<5 (<5 recovered)
Granite Falls	29 (21 recovered)
Index	0
Lake Stevens	121 (106 recovered)
Lynnwood	627 (508 recovered)
Marysville	250 (206 recovered)
Mill Creek	53 (42 recovered)
Monroe	82 (67 recovered)
Mountlake Terrace	112 (93 recovered)
Mukilteo	59 (55 recovered)
Snohomish	156 (137 recovered)
Stanwood	101 (86 recovered)
Sultan	8 (8 recovered)
Tulalip	22 (17 recovered)
Unknown/Other	<5 (<5 recovered)
Woodinville*	12 (11 recovered)
Woodway	8 (8 recovered)

Numbers less than 5 are suppressed to protect medical privacy. Unknown includes cases still under investigation. *Counts are for portions in Snohomish County only.